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SEPARATE AGENCY FOR HANDLING SOFT .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways are considering to create a separate agency for handling the Scheme of Frequent Travellers (SOFT);

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The manner in which the SOFT helps in competiting with the air journey which is becoming cheaper-and-cheaper?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) & (b): The scheme of Frequent Travellers (SOFT) was launched in February 2006 and is being handled by Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).

(c): The scheme has been launched to improve the patronisation of upper classes viz. 1st AC, 2nd AC and AC Chair Car where the occupancy level is relatively low as compared to rest of the classes.